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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to an office action dated November 29, 2002, kindly amend the application
as follows:

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IN THE ABSTRACT

Kindly replace the abstract with:

A switching method for selectively directing an input beam to at least one of two output
channels, the method including:

- 20 (i) providing incidence of the input beam onto a polarizing beam splitting surface
to thereby enable splitting of the input beam into two beam components of
different polarizations propagating along different optical paths;
- (ii) passing the input beam components of different polarizations through a
controllable polarization rotating medium operable to selectively affect the
25 polarization of each of the beam components; and
- (iii) directing the beam components that have passed through the polarization
rotating medium onto the polarizing beam splitting surface, thereby producing
at least one output beam propagating towards at least one selected output
channel, depending on a current mode of the medium;
- 30 where the input beam passes through the controllable polarization rotating medium prior
to being split into said two beam components of different linear polarization states.

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